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MARC SPITZER COMMISSIONER

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman William A. Mundell

Commissioner Jim Irvin

Commissioner Marc Spitzer

FROM:

Mark Sendrow

Director of Securities

DATE:

May 29, 2001

RE:

Keith B. ("Skip") Davis, et al., Docket No. S-03353A-01-0000

CC:

Brian C. McNeil, Executive Secretary

Attached is a proposed Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order"), fully executed by Respondents Keith B. ("Skip") Davis and Keith B. Davis, Inc. ("Respondents"). Respondents have consented to entry of the proposed Order, finding Securities Act violations including the sale of unregistered and non-exempt securities, by unregistered dealers and salesmen, and fraud in the offer and sale of securities.

From in or around March 1996 through 1999, Respondents offered and sold unregistered securities in the form of promissory notes within and from Arizona. The investors' funds were to be used for interim financing for the development of an outlet mall in Dacono, Colorado.

On December 28, 2000, the Securities Division ("Division") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Proposed Order to Cease and Desist, for Restitution, for Administrative Penalties and for Other Affirmative Action, alleging that Respondents engaged in the sale of unregistered securities, by unregistered dealers or salesmen, and securities fraud, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 44-1841, 44-1842 and 44-1991.

Respondents have consented to an Order of restitution in the amount of \$1,063,000, plus interest from the date of the investments, and administrative penalties in the amount of \$10,000. In addition, Respondents have agreed not to apply for any registration as a securities salesman or dealer or licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative in Arizona for at least five years and until all restitution and penalties are paid in accordance with the Order.

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Pursuant to the requests of the Commission at the last Open Meeting, Respondents have agreed to the following revisions to the proposed Order:

- The Order includes a provision that Respondents shall not, individually or on behalf of other entities, direct or give consent to any transfer of development rights associated with the Dacono Project property, including, but not limited to, tax credits or municipal bond financing, unless the agreement for such transfer of rights provides that funds equal to full restitution as set forth in this Order shall be placed in escrow for the benefit of all Note investors.
- The Respondents agreed that they understand that nothing in this Order relieves them of any obligation or responsibility that they have to their investors or clients outside of this Order.

MS: ptj w/ attachments

Originator: Pamela T. Johnson

Assistant Attorney General Assigned: Moira McCarthy

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7	CHARLES RAY STEDMAN	DOCKET NO. S-03353A-01-0000
l	3001 East Frontage Road	
8	Amado, AZ 85629	DECISION NO.
9	WENDELL T. DECKER, JR. 5249 N. Adobe Circle	ODDED TO CEASE AND DESIGT
10	Tucson, AZ 85750	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER OF RESTITUTION, ORDER
11	OXFORD DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. 5249 North Adobe Circle Tucson, AZ 85750) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES) AND CONSENT TO SAME) BY: RESPONDENT KEITH B. "SKIP"
12	PROFUTURA, L.L.C.	DAVIS and RESPONDENT KEITH B.
13	P.O. Box 4252 Tubac, AZ 85646) DAVIS, INC.
14	CNT FAMILY FUN OUTLETS, INC.	
15	One East First Street Reno, NV 89501	
16	CHARLES W. TESTINO, JR. 3656 E. Windy Point Dr.	,
17	Tucson, AZ 85718	
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18	ARIZONA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC. 2920 North Swan Road, Suite 206))
19	Tucson, AZ 85712)
20	KEITH B. "SKIP" DAVIS 6550 North Silversmith Place))
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24	KEITH B. DAVIS, INC. 6550 North Silversmith Place Tucson, AZ 85750,)))
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RESPONDENTS KEITH B. ("SKIP") DAVIS ("DAVIS") and KEITH B. DAVIS, INC. ("DAVIS, INC.") ("RESPONDENTS") elect to permanently waive their right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801, et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order"). RESPONDENTS admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other administrative proceeding before the Commission or any other agency of the State of Arizona the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- DAVIS is an individual, whose last known address is 6550 North Silversmith Place. 1. Tucson, Arizona, 85750. DAVIS is at all pertinent times President and shareholder of DAVIS, INC.
- DAVIS, INC. is an Arizona corporation, incorporated on March 14, 1994. Its 2. principal place of business is 6550 North Silversmith Place, Tucson, Arizona, 85750.
- In approximately March 1996, WENDELL T. DECKER ("DECKER") and 3. CHARLES RAY STEDMAN ("STEDMAN") approached DAVIS to use promissory notes (the "Notes") to raise \$600,000 from private investors, for interim financing to keep a development project in Dacono, Colorado moving until the project owners could close on a construction loan in late 1996.
- DECKER and STEDMAN offered DAVIS commissions of 10% of all investor funds secured, and an equity interest in the project.
- In or around July 1996, DAVIS invited CHARLES W. TESTINO, JR. ("TESTINO") 5. to assist in soliciting additional private investor funds for the project from his clients. DECKER and STEDMAN authorized DAVIS and TESTINO to use the Notes to raise additional funds from private

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investors, and agreed to pay commissions of 10% of all money raised, and an additional equity interest in the project.

Until around March 1999, all of the Notes offered and sold by RESPONDENTS were 6. represented as being secured by deeds of trust filed in Weld County on the property described as follows (the "Dacono Project property):

> A tract of land located in the South Half (S1/2) of Section Fourteen (14), Township One (1) North, Range Sixty-eight (68) West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, County of Weld, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

> Considering the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of said Section 14 as bearing North 88°57'30" East from a 3 1/4" aluminum cap at the Southwest corner of said Section 14 to a 3 1/2" aluminum cap at the South Quarter corner of said Section 14 and with all bearings contained herein relative thereto:

> Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 14; thence along said South line, North 88°57'30" East, 440.10 feet; thence, North 01°02'30" West, 30.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point being on the East line of Interstate 25;

> thence along said East line the following 3 courses, North 79°41'00" West, 203.10 feet; thence, North 08°14'30" West, 943.60 feet; thence, North 00°17'30" East, 914.78 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company;

> thence, along said South right-of-way line the following 6 courses, South 78°47'56" East, 165.34 feet to a point on a curve concave to the North having a central angle of 11°44'53", a radius of 1886.98 feet and the chord of which bears South 84°40'23" East, 386.23 feet; thence, along the arc of said curve 386.91 feet; thence, North 89°27'11" East, 467.86 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southwest having a central angle of 54°53'25", a radius of 1839.60 feet and the chord of which bears South 63°06'07" East, 1695.74 feet; thence, along the arc of said curve 1762.37 feet; thence, South 35°39'24" East, 674.84 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Northeast having a central angle of 11°56'40", a radius of 2902.76 feet and the chord of which bears South 41°37'44" East, 604.04 feet; thence along the arc of said curve 605.14 feet to a point on the North line of County Road 8;

> thence along said North line, South 88°57'03" West, 788.41 feet; thence continuing along said North line, South 88°57'30" West, 2203.18 feet to the Point of Beginning.

DECKER and STEDMAN's plan was that STEDMAN would sign all of the Notes as 7. "Maker" and be personally liable to investors; the borrowed funds would be transferred to

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- 8. From approximately March 1996, RESPONDENTS directly offered and sold Notes to approximately 17 private investors, raising approximately \$1,063,000 from private investors.
- 9. RESPONDENTS told investors that their funds were to be used to pay expenses as interim financing for a project described as the Dacono Factory Outlet Stores or the Dacono Factory Outlet Mall and Sports Arena, and that their Notes would be paid upon the due date or at the close of the construction financing.
- 10. On December 26, 1998, DAVIS first learned that the Promissory Notes were not being recorded and secured by a deed of trust. In fact, from the inception of the project to date, less than ten private investors are beneficiaries of any recorded interests in the Dacono Project property.
- As part of the paperwork for the Notes, investors were required to sign form letters 11. addressed to STEDMAN, which the promoters called "Big Boy Letters." The letters stated that the investors were accredited investors, defined as investors whose net worth was over \$1,000,000, or whose income was at least \$200,000 for the two years prior to investment.
- The interest rates on most of the Notes sold after RESPONDENTS became involved 12. in March 1996 varied from 15% to 20% per annum. Until around September 1997, the term of the Notes was one year. After the project failed to obtain construction financing, in or around September 1997, the term of most of the Notes was reduced to 90 days, and existing Notes, including interest, were rolled over or renewed at the end of their terms.
- DECKER offered RESPONDENTS 10% commissions on the rollover of their 13. investors' Notes. By August 2000, some of the Notes had been rolled over eighteen times.

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14. In December 1998, one investor protested that the deed of trust that was supposed to secure his Note was never recorded. Within approximately three months, in or around April 1999, RESPONDENTS started to offer and sell "unsecured" Notes to new private investors.

- 15. In connection with the offer or sale of securities within or from Arizona, RESPONDENTS directly or indirectly made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts which were necessary in order to make the statements made not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. RESPONDENTS' conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a) Representing that the investment was a short-term loan because a construction loan for the Dacono Project was in place and investors would be paid in full at the close of that loan, when in fact there were a series of purported loan "commitments" that never materialized and the principals never succeeded in negotiating construction financing for the project;
 - b) Representing until at least April 1999 that the Notes, and any extensions, renewals or rollovers of the Notes, were secured by a recorded interest in a deed of trust on a portion of the Dacono Project property located in Weld County, Colorado and owned by OXFORD; and representing that the total of all loans secured by Lot 6 would not exceed one million dollars. In fact only approximately eight of the original investors in 1996 and early 1997 were identified as beneficiaries on recorded deeds of trust, the total of all loans represented as secured by Lot 6 far exceeded one million dollars, and the property that was supposed to be pledged to private investors was utilized instead as security to obtain financing from institutional "bridge" lenders;
 - c) Failing to disclose that substantial investor funds were used for failed funding attempts, attempts to obtain bonding, tax benefits for the future owners of the project, interest payments on prior investors' Notes; redeeming prior investors' defaulted

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Notes, profits to institutional bridge lenders, DECKER's living expenses, and DECKER's and STEDMAN's travel expenses; and

d) Failing to disclose STEDMAN's inability to repay the Notes, if construction financing was not secured.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. RESPONDENTS offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. RESPONDENTS violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. RESPONDENTS violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
- 5. RESPONDENTS violated A.R.S. § 44-1991 by offering or selling securities within or from Arizona by making untrue statements or misleading omissions of material facts.
- 6. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 7. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 8. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

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III.

ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the RESPONDENTS' consent to the entry of this Order, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that RESPONDENTS, their agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that RESPONDENTS shall, jointly and severally, pay restitution to investors shown on the records of the Commission in the amount of \$1,063,000, plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of each investment until paid in full. Payment shall be made by cashier's check or money order payable to the "State of Arizona" to be placed in an interest-bearing account maintained and controlled by the Arizona Attorney General. The Arizona Attorney General shall disburse the funds on a pro rata basis to investors. Any funds that the Attorney General is unable to disburse shall revert to the state of Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, until full restitution is made to all Note investors identified on the records of the Division, RESPONDENTS shall subordinate all rights and interests in the Dacono Project property, described in paragraph 6 above, and any contractual rights and interests to income or payment from the development and/or sale of the Dacono Project Property or the Dacono Project, including commissions from the sale of the Notes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that RESPONDENTS shall not, individually or on behalf of other entities, direct or give consent to any transfer of development rights associated with the Dacono Project property, including, but not limited to, tax credits or municipal bond financing, unless the agreement for such transfer of rights provides that funds equal to full restitution as set forth in this Order shall be placed in escrow for the benefit of all Note investors.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that RESPONDENTS shall				
2	jointly and severally, pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. Payment shall be				
3	made in full by cashier's check or money order on the date of this Order, payable to the "State o				
4	Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date				
5	of this Order until paid in full.				
6	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.				
7	BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION				
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1	CHAIRMAN COM	MISSIONER COMMISSIONER			
2	<i>f</i> 13	WITNESS WHEREOF, I. BRIAN C. McNEIL.			
13	Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the				
14	1 ?	ial seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, the City of Phoenix, this day of			
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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. RESPONDENTS KEITH B. DAVIS and KEITH B. DAVIS, INC. (RESPONDENTS) admit the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. RESPONDENTS acknowledge that they have been fully advised of their rights to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and RESPONDENTS knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. RESPONDENTS acknowledge that this Order To Cease And Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- RESPONDENTS knowingly and voluntarily waive any right they may have under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- RESPONDENTS acknowledge and agree that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or cocretion used to induce such entry.
- RESPONDENTS acknowledge that they have chosen not to be represented by counsel in this matter, they have reviewed this Order and understand all terms it contains.
- 5. RESPONDENTS admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other administrative proceeding before the Commission or any other agency of the State of Arizona the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in the Order.
- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, RESPONDENTS agree not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. RESPONDENTS will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of his agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement. Nothing in this provision affects RESPONDENTS' testimonial obligations or right to take legal positions in litigation in which an administrative agency of the State of Arizona is not a party.
- 7. RESPONDENTS agree to take all steps necessary to subordinate all of their rights and interests, both currently existing or existing in the future, in the Dacono Project property, described

in paragraph 6 of the Order, to the investors identified on the records of the Division, until those investors have received full restitution as mandated by the Commission in the Order. RESPONDENTS further agree to take all steps necessary to subordinate all of their communal rights and interests, both currently existing or existing in the future, related to the development project known as the Dacono Factory Stores and located near Dacono, Weld County, Colorado, including commissions from the sale of the Notes, to the investors identified on the records of the Division.

- 8. RESPONDENTS understand that nothing in this Order relieves them of any obligation or responsibility that they have to their investors or clients outside of this Order.
- 9. While this Order settles this administrative matter between RESPONDENTS and the Commission, RESPONDENTS understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 10. RESPONDENTS understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 11. RESPONDENTS understand that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 12. RESPONDENTS agree that they will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative for five years from the date of the Order and until such time as all restitution and penalties under the Order are paid in full.
- 13. RESPONDENTS agree that they will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services, within or from Arizona.
- 14. RESPONDENTS agree that until restitution and penalties are paid in full, RESPONDENTS will notify the Director of the Securities Division within 30 days of any change in home address or any change in RESPONDENTS' ability to pay amounts due under this Order.

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15. RESPONDENTS understand that default shall render them liable to the Commission for its costs of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.

16. RESPONDENTS agree that they will continue to cooperate with the Securities Division including, but not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.

17. RESPONDENTS consent to the entry of this Order and agree to be fully bound by its terms and conditions. If RESPONDENTS breach any provision of this Order, the Commission may vacate this Order and restore this case to its active docket.

18. This agreement and Order shall be binding upon RESPONDENTS' agents, heirs, employees, assigns, representatives, beneficiaries or other successors in interest of any kind.

19. KEITH B. DAVIS represents that he is President of KEITH B. DAVIS, INC. and has been authorized by KEITH B. DAVIS, INC. to enter into this Order for and on behalf of it.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this 25day of

KRISTIE L JOHNSON Notary Public - Arizona Pima County Commission Expires March 23, 2004

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